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MOLINA SENTENCE REVENGE FOR PLAYA GIRON

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(Summary) Francisco Molina del Rio has been sentenced in New York to a minimum of 20 years in prison and there is the possibility that he will be given a perpetual prison sentence.

The world knows that Francisco Molina is innocent of the crime which was committed by the counterrevolutionary elements directed by the Central Intelligence Agency of Mr. Kennedy. The world knows that the Yankee State Department needed a scandal with which it has attempted to offset the formidable charges made by Fidel against imperialism, colonialism, despotism, racial supremacy doctrines, the war hysteria of the United States, the aggression of the United States against Latin America, and exploitation of man by man. Those were the formidable charges made by Fidel in the United Nations Assembly.

The world knows that the judgement against Francisco Molina del Rio has been a farce and a grotesque comedy, an infamy, and a mockery of justice and law. The world knows that the judges who a few hours ago sentenced Molina del Rio to 20 years in jail are merely rubber stamps of the wishes of the Yankee monopolies and of the reactionary government of Mr. Kennedy. They are the judges who right now are applying "fascist laws" against the strikes of the maritime workers. The entire world knows that Molina is the victim of "hypocritical and mendacious justice" which blesses the lynching of Negroes, because the judges are the lynchers, and which blesses the establishment of camps for mercenaries in the United States in order to attack a small country, because the judges come from the imperialists who had lost in Cuba their companies and all the privileges that they once held.

"The world also knows why these judges have condemned Francisco Molina del Rio. Mr. Kennedy and his henchmen of the Central Intelligence Agency have wanted to take revenge in this manner for the humiliating defeat of Playa Giron. Mr. Kennedy and the Central Intelligence Agency have thus wanted to reply to the achievements of the Cuban revolution in every field. Every year imposed on the young Cuban laborer is a howl of Yankee fury over our progress in industrialization; of Yankee fury over the successes in agriculture; of the Yankee fury over the sacred union between the people and Fidel--a union designed to resist the economic sacrifices and the shortages resulting from the Yankee blockade; a union designed to protect the fatherland; a union designed to take our socialist revolution from the fight to the next and from one victory to the other, irrespective of the price which has to be paid for it."